

# Hurricane Damage Group Endorses River Clearance

Endorsed Wednesday afternoon by the Carteret County Hurricane Damage Committee was a proposal to have the Newport River cleaned out through the Newport and Mill Creek area.

C. S. Long, Newport, a member of the committee, said that the river is so clogged with debris and rock that water, pushed up to the head of the river in storms, has no place to get out except to flow over the banks.

David Jones, soil conservationist, said the project can be financed with government funds set up under the small watershed act.

Mr. Long commented that the state, Marines, and everybody else rushes in to help save summer homes at the beach "but we can't get a shovelful of dirt out of Newport River."

Under the long-range proposals for preventing future storm damage to farms, the committee also recommended that areas where land is apt to be flooded by salt-water, should be diked.

Estimates Reviewed  
The committee reviewed the estimates on damage to crops on county farm land and upped the dollar value of tobacco lost in Connie and Diane to \$700,000.

B. J. May, ASC manager, said that the annual tobacco crop in the county is worth two million dollars and thus a 40 per cent loss would increase the figure from the \$404,000 originally set. Damage to farm buildings and homes was estimated at \$100,000, damage to ditches \$200,000.

Mr. Jones said it was hard to tell how much damage was caused

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# Firemen Answer Calls Tuesday

Morehead City firemen answered a call to the Morehead Theatre and to Charlie Wallace Rose's house at Crab Point Tuesday.

Early in the afternoon the firemen went to the theatre where they were told a fire started by a welder, was already out. The welder was working somewhere in the theatre area, according to Engineer Mack Edwards.

The Rose home, located on the old Will Loughton farm, was damaged when wiring to the electric stove caused a fire. It is believed a rat may have chewed off wire insulation. Damage to the kitchen was estimated at \$100.

Firemen were called about 5:15 p.m. and stayed at the home 20 minutes. Water from the 500-gallon tank was used to put out the blaze.

## In the Spotlight

# 'Ma' Taylor, 94, Beaufort, Likes 'Little Nonsense Now and Then'

By HAL SHAPIRO

Maintaining the credo that "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," Mrs. N. W. (Ma) Taylor, Beaufort, has been enjoying life and making those that know her enjoy it as well.

Ma is known to everyone in Beaufort and Morehead City, for it was at her home in Beaufort that a great many courtships took place, as well as weddings, receptions, dances, and parties.

Looking very sprightly for her 94 years, Ma is still very much the hostess and still regards her home as open house to anyone and everyone.

Ma stated that her grandmother as well as her parents were all natives of Beaufort, and her grandfather was from Stockholm, Sweden.

Longevity in Family  
As for longevity in the family, she says she had a great grandmother who lived to the age of 90.

Ma herself was born on Nov. 9, 1860, just a few days after President Lincoln was elected president.

She was married to the late Nelson Taylor of Beaufort, and celebrated 67 anniversaries with him prior to his death seven years ago.

While I was speaking with Ma, a mailman came by with the mail and told Ma that he was named for Mr. Taylor. The mailman was Nelson Lewis.

Ma and Pa Taylor had six children, three of whom have died. The oldest son, Bayard, passed away last Christmas Eve. The other two were Nelson and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Bryant.

# Atlantic Beach Gets Ready for Big Weekend

## Morehead City Principal Lists Faculty Members

Lenwood Lee, principal of Morehead City School, has announced his faculty for the coming year. Teachers are as follows:

1st grade—Mrs. Sara Willis, Mrs. Lucille Smith and Mrs. Mary Brady.

2nd grade—Miss Mary McGowan, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis and Mrs. Ella Morgan.

3rd grade—Mrs. Anna Parker, Mrs. Ethel Holloway and Mrs. Lalah Williams.

4th grade—Miss Annie May Gibbs and Miss Eula H. Herring.

5th grade—Mrs. Evelyn Morton, Mrs. Regina F. Turner and Mrs. Bessie Wade.

6th grade—Miss Flora Davis and Miss Betsy Jones.

7th grade—Mrs. Margaret Day, Mrs. Doris C. Scott and Mrs. Mamie Taylor.

8th grade—Mrs. Anne Harvell and Mrs. Octavia Nelson.

High school teachers and the subjects they teach are as follows:

Gannon Talbert, math; Norman Clark, physical education; Mrs. Florence Cordova, home economics; Mrs. Grace Walence, English; James Kennedy, science, and Mrs. Varena Glenn, math.

Mrs. Rosalie Dowdy, English; Mrs. Hattie L. Phillips, English; Mrs. Helen Baily, French; Mrs. Zelma Phillips, history; Ralph Wade, band; Miss Frances Southernland, primary school music; Delfido Cordova, shop, and Mrs. James Kennedy, commercial.

Another Bayside Cow Has Production Record  
The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has completed the official production record of a registered Holstein cow owned by Bayside Farm, Morehead City.

The Holstein, Elect Fobes Bess Burke Rag Apple, produced an average of 27 quarts of milk daily, plus 796 pounds of butterfat and 21,347 pounds of milk.

North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering supervised the weighing and testing of the milk.

The children still living are George E. Taylor and Mrs. Nanine Hinnant, both of Beaufort, and Cecil B. Taylor of Waban, Mass.

Ma has 12 living grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

Another child whom she reared is now Mrs. Mary Thomas of Baltimore, whose mother, nearing death, gave the youngster to Ma. Ma also helped rear two other orphan children.

Her home at 305 Ann St. has been an open house to everyone for as long as Ma can remember.

She can well remember when her husband had two sharpies and all the children would go for rides on the boat and then would wind up the day with a visit at the Taylor House.

She told of one occasion when they held a cake-walk at the house and the winner was presented with a flat cartwheel cake made in the local bakery of Beaufort by Charles Clawson.

Admired House  
She has lived in the home on Ann Street for 52 years and can well remember that in the days when she and Pa were courting, they often went past the house and remarked how beautiful it was and how nice it would be to have it as their own.

Pa made it their home after they had lived with his parents during the first years of their marriage.

The house, when it was purchased, cost Pa \$1,000, and the house next to it, which is now occupied by Mrs. Hinnant, cost Pa \$800.

When she and Pa were married there were no such things as honeymoons. Instead there were gala parties which lasted all day long.

Then the bridal couple would retire. When they awoke, the festivities would start all over again.

As Ma worded it, "Our celebration lasted almost a whole week."

Pa himself was quite a dandy. He used to court Ma wearing a high silk top hat, spats, and a long tailed coat, along with a cane.

When Pa wanted to come courtin' he used to send notes asking permission. Colored boys used to carry the notes. Ma said, "It certainly is different now!"

Folks at Atlantic Beach are looking forward to "a good crowd" for the Labor Day weekend.

Mayor A. B. Cooper of the town of Atlantic Beach said that things have been cleaned up, the police force is on duty and life guards are set to look out for swimmers who will be taking that late summer dip.

Except for the adult rides, amusement rides for children are in full swing. Restaurants and motels are open and many beach cottages owners are expected here to spend the last weekend before school starts.

The bathing beach at Fort Macon State Park will be open through Monday, Labor Day, and that will be the last day of present season. The fort will be open for visitors throughout the year.

The two August storms, Connie and Diane, caused considerable damage to the beach, but in the two weeks since the storms, the beach has survived sufficiently to look forward to a grand Labor Day climax to the 1955 season.

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# Marine Saves Drowning Woman at Salter Path

## 2,400 Goats Take Up Residence On Open Grounds

The livestock population of Open Grounds Farm increased this week by 2,400. Shipped in from Texas Tuesday, in 16 cattle cars, were 2,400 angora goats.

Miss Georgina Yeatman, Beaufort, said the goats will be sheared twice a year. Grown only for their wool, all the goats are wethers (males). There won't be any raising of kids.

The goats have been turned loose to graze on the vast Open Grounds acres. Miss Yeatman said goats are known to thrive quite well in this section, but there aren't many of the angora type in eastern Carolina.

Earlier this summer 3,515 sheep arrived at the Open Grounds farm. They too were shipped in from Texas in cattle cars. Two Texas sheep herders employed at the farm will also look after the goats.

Cherry Point—The wife of a Cherry Point Marine was saved from drowning in the undertow of a heavy surf near Salter Path, Sunday, Aug. 21, in what turned out to be a busman's holiday for her rescuer, Marine T/Sgt. Robert G. Stemper, also of Cherry Point.

When on duty, Sergeant Stemper is NCO-in-charge of Station Air-Sea Rescue.

Mrs. Mary E. Strunk, wife of S/Sgt. Harry H. Strunk of Marine Training Group-20, was wading in the surf with her husband and two friends, all inexperienced swimmers, when she stepped off into a deep hole, which was apparently dredged out by the recent hurricanes.

With waves breaking over her head and the undertow pulling her seaward, Mrs. Strunk cried for help. A member of their party, S/Sgt. Robert W. Matthews, was nearest the stricken woman, and he rushed to her aid.

While Matthews was attempting to hold Mrs. Strunk's head above water, his own head was forced under repeatedly and he rapidly became exhausted from his efforts.

At this point, Sergeant Strunk reached his wife, but his attempts to assist were hampered by his inexperience as a swimmer.

Technical Sergeant Stemper, on the beach with his wife and child, heard Mrs. Strunk's cries for help and responded immediately. Swimming out to the struggling party, he took charge of the drowning

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# Cost of Dredging Will be \$5,000

Cost of deepening the mouth of Pelletier Creek will be approximately \$5,000, according to Col. R. L. Hill, district engineer, Wilmington. Dredging was started Monday by Capt. Charlie Piner.

According to Colonel Hill the entrance channel will be 6 feet deep at mean low water (instead of 9 as stated in Tuesday's paper) and the channel will go from the 6-foot contour in Bogue Sound to deeper water in the creek. Approximately 11,000 cubic yards of material will be removed. The work will require about 10 days.

A survey group headed by L. E. McLam of the Army Engineers made soundings and set up markers Sunday. Mayor George Dill of Morehead City and other residents of the area appealed to Congressman Graham Barden last Friday to have the mouth of the creek opened.

Mayor Dill commented that the action was the fastest he had ever seen undertaken by the government. The creek, located west of Morehead City, is a refuge for boats during severe storms.

Organized Bank  
Pa was a storekeeper originally and then went into the shipping business and was the organizer of the first bank in Beaufort.

He liked all the girls, said Ma, "and so I got to like all the boys." She well remembered when a lady drummer (saleswoman) came to town and Pa didn't get home 'til real late. Ma said she went down to the office and there was the drummer sitting on a high stool with her dress up over her ankle. Pa was somewhat surprised to see

Newport Businessmen Discuss Marker Posts  
Erection of street marker posts and the lettering to be done on them was discussed by the Newport Businessmen's Club Tuesday night at the Newport Community Building.

The members had supper at the Friendly Diner and then went to the community building for the business meeting.

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# Alonza Edwards To Speak at Farm Bureau Meeting

State President Will Launch 1956 Membership Drive

Alonza Edwards, Hooker, president of the State Farm Bureau, will be the speaker at the Farm Bureau membership kick-off meeting Friday night, Sept. 16.

Mr. Edwards, state legislator from Greene County, has long been affiliated with the Farm Bureau. He is also a candidate for lieutenant governor, says C. N. Stroud, Morehead City, who is membership chairman for the county Farm Bureau.

The kick-off meeting will be preceded by dinner. Mr. Stroud said the place has not been set as yet but the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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# Carolina Water Co. Asks Rate Raise in Three Towns

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